

A Modern "Judgment of Paris" by New York's Most Famous Artists—and Why They Gave the Golden Apple to a "Melting Pot" Type

THE selection of Miss Florence Cassassa, daughter of an American mother and an Italian father, from a large number of beautiful contestants to represent American beauty during "Electrical Prosperity Week" at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, gives timely interest to the question, what makes an American Beauty?

Is beauty to be weighed, measured determined by physical standards accepted by painters and sculptors? If so, in proportions in detail and prescribed physical "lines of beauty" have standardized beauty, where in does American beauty differ from that of any other nation? If complexion, tints of the skin and color of the eyes and hair are factors to be considered, it will be admitted that American beauty embraces all color types, with variations virtually indigenous in the West, East, South and North of the country. And so goes beauty in other nations. What, then, differentiates the American type?

Probably there are Old World judges of beauty who will deny the existence of such a thing as a separate and distinct American beauty type, for the reason that there is no such thing, ethnologically, as an American—except the American Indian, who has never entered into such competitions. They will remind you that "Americans" are a crucible product, a result of persistent and generous use of the "melting pot"; that they are an amalgam of all nations under the sun, and can only be considered as such. Therefore "American Beauty" should be hypheated in the beauty catalogues—English-American, German-American, French-American, Italian-American, and so on.

Yet "American Beauty" is famed the world over. You hear the term—even with inflections of rapture—in every European capital. It is freely acknowledged that the type is not only distinct, but admirable, the equal of any, ancient or modern. Why is this?

Does the answer depart from the physical standards, dealing with the psychology of the subject? Is it the mind, the spirit, the moral nature, the character of the American beauty, shining through and illuminating her physical charms which

distinguishes her from all other types of beauty?

May it not be true even so short a time as three hundred years—ten generations—have developed in descendants of the old Puritan stock character, inner elements of beauty which now express themselves outwardly? Never in history has there been quite such an opportunity in the development of a race to bring out the beauty-forces of character.

Do these qualities become attenuated when thrown into the "melting pot"? Does marriage with aliens of widely differing races tend to blot out these characteristics, or are they potent enough, like the Biblical "little leaven that leaveneth the whole lump," to persist, and even gain force, in the offspring? The faculty with which the first generation bore of such marriages takes on the characteristic American semblance is everywhere remarked. After the first generation the "hyphen" is obliterated. There are only Americans, and the beauty is only American beauty.

Of such origin is Miss Florence Cassassa. The committee of celebrated artists who selected her to impersonate "Electra" during "Electrical Prosperity Week" at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, frankly acknowledge her to be a product of the great American "melting pot"; nevertheless she is selected for her superiority among beauties who are American. She is tall and "queeny," with the artist's ideal in features, called "regular," and those features are animated by those beauty factors of the soul, mind and character which distinguish American beauty wherever it is seen.

Of course, Miss Cassassa had to pass the purely physical tests always applied by artists, the artistic standard being the Venus de Milo. Here are the measurement comparisons:

Fore Arm.....	9.5	9.9
Wrist	5.9	5.8
Shoulder	34.6	37.6
Foot, length	8.9	8.9
Arm, outstretched ..	63	69

Mr. Alonzo Kimball says that the American type must possess a beautiful mind, a pleasing temperament, without which nobody, no matter how physically perfect, can be anything but insipid, and uninspiring. He believes that the true American type is of medium coloring, light brown hair and clear complexion, and of medium height and figure. Hence after much mental travail he finally cast his vote for Miss Cassassa.

Nickolaki, the artist from Greece, the very birthplace of the beautiful, believes that the American type of beauty is in process of evolution. After the American girl has adapted her complexion to withstand the over stimulation of the climate, she will be even more beautiful. She is a composite of many races, but perhaps, the most typical is the combination of the Anglo-Italian, the result of the fusion of the Teutonic and Latin races. Miss Cassassa is a perfect example of this union, a wholesome type, athletic of figure, with lovely teeth, and great vivacity and intelligence. She comes nearest to the American ideal of the future.

O. Warde Traver believes there can be no beauty without refinement, character and health. She should embody the ideal of the higher life of harmony, and must therefore possess an instinctive understanding of the laws of health and happiness. This kind of girl by just being herself uplifts American thought; from herself she evolves the flower of beauty, grace, loveliness. "That is the kind of girl," said Mr. Traver, "I like to paint. I must fall in love with her just a bit, or how can I understand her? and she must be—er—sympathetic, or how can I fall in love. It's part of the game. Miss Cassassa appeals to me as fulfilling the most exacting requirements of what she must and must not be."

Probably never again will a prize beauty of any nation enjoy such exploitation as Miss Cassassa is achieving. The electrical exhibitors at the exposition are scattering postcards of "Electra" broadcast in millions.

BIRD MAN FALLS 150 FEET INTO BAY

"Charley" Niles, Aerial Marvel of New York, Almost Loses Life.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—"Charley" Niles, the New York aerial marvel, nearly lost his life in his first flight at the exposition Sunday. He fell 150 feet into the bay near the stadium and suffered a light fracture to the lower jaw, and severe cuts and bruises.

Niles' monoplane had risen 150 feet into the air, and was making a circle over the bay when the engine stopped. He had been flying with the wind, but attempted to swing around into the stiff breeze when the engine died.

Suddenly the wings of the monoplane fluttered and the machine plunged spirally downward into the bay.

Niles didn't lose his presence of mind. While the machine was still in the air he unbuckled the straps which held him in his seat. When the monoplane struck the water Niles scrambled to the top of the air craft. He was standing on top of the machine up to his arm pits in water when J. B. Croxton, in a racing motorboat, came to his rescue.

In his farthest flight at the exposition Sunday Aviator Art Smith broke his own record by looping the loop 22 consecutive times.

BIG NEW ORLEANS GAMBLING DEN CLOSED

The Dick Highlands Raided and Three Hundred Men Laid in Jail.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 9.—The Dick Highlands, the most notorious gambling resort in the south was closed Sunday night and 300 men, including employees and players, are in jail or out on bond. Faro tables, roulette wheels, wheels of fortune, crap and keno "layouts" and every conceivable kind of gambling paraphernalia were captured. State troops, led by Sen. G. W. Smith, private secretary to Gov. Hall, made the raid, which the chief executive himself witnessed from the cushions of a big touring car.

The closing of the resort marks the first successful effort of a Louisiana governor to get control of Jefferson parish. For 20 years Sheriff Marrero has ruled this parish like a monarch. Several times troops have been ordered into "King" Marrero's halliwick, but he has always received advance information.

Gov. Hall said Sunday night: "I intend to enforce the law in Louisiana if it takes every soldier I can muster. No sheriff is bigger than the law."

BULGARIAN NOTE REPLIED. SOFIA, Aug. 9.—The reply of the entente powers to the Bulgarian note of June 15 has been received at the foreign office here. Its contents are secret.

NILES, MICH.

John Dickinson Milburn, a highly respected citizen of Niles, died Saturday at the residence on South Fifth st., from kidney trouble and complications from which he has suffered for many years. Mr. Milburn was born at Eastimer's Corners, Ontario, May 15, 1848. He was at one time identified with large manufacturing interests in Mishawaka and also in Memphis. Mr. Milburn was married to Katie May Bronson of Niles at the old Presbyterian church in 1868. Besides the widow, he is survived by five children, who are Misses Martha Louise and Edith B. Milburn, Mrs. Lou Atkinson, all of Niles, Dr. John Milburn of East Hampton, Conn., and Thomas Milburn of Chicago. He joined the Masons and Odd Fellows while in Mishawaka, and still retained his membership in the Mishawaka Odd Fellows lodge. He was a member of the Presbyterian church of Niles and the funeral services will be p.v. and will be conducted at the residence Tuesday morning by Rev. W. H. Phelps, his pastor.

David Elliott, the man who made his escape from Sheriff McGuiness by jumping off a rapidly moving car, pulling Mr. McGuiness off with him, was brought to Niles from St. Joseph Saturday before Justice Donahue. He demanded an examination, which has been set for Aug. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. James Orr of Atchison, Kans., who were guests of the families of A. M. Moor and Chas. McBain, and left for the west, were guests of Mrs. Frank Denniston in Chicago while enroute home.

Mrs. J. B. Winter entertained at an afternoon function in honor of her guests, Mrs. Carlisle Smith of Chicago and Miss Morton of Cincinnati. Covers were laid for 15.

TWO NAMED TO ASSIST EDISON ON NAVAL BOARD

Henry Wood and Elmer Sperry Are Suggested by Inventor to Help.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Henry A. Wise Wood and Elmer A. Sperry have been nominated to serve on the navy advisory board by the American Society of Aeronautic Engineers, which was organized at the suggestion of Thomas A. Edison and was asked by Sec'y Daniels to select two members to serve on the board.

Mr. Wood is vice-president of the Aero club of America, and was a member of the aero-dynamics laboratory committee appointed by Pres. Taft in 1912. Mr. Sperry has applied the gyroscope to many uses, including his stabilizer for aeroplanes. He is the father of Lawrence B. Sperry, the aviator.

TRIES TO MURDER. PETROGRAD, Aug. 9.—An employe of the foreign office who was discharged two years ago because of weak intellect, tried to murder M. Neratoff, assistant minister of the foreign office Sunday.

HOW HUMANITY DOES CHANGE. England Plans 12,000 Aeroplanes to Drop Bombs on Germany.—Headline. Can this be the same England which protested against the Zeppelin raids on the ground of inhumanity?

REAL HEROISM. Mr. Barnes has approved a Constitutional measure that would transfer legislative power to the courts. And right after what the courts did to Mr. Barnes!

CONGRATULATES TROOPS

Proclamation From Kaiser Found on Dead Soldier in France.

IN NORTHERN FRANCE, Aug. 9.—The text of a proclamation issued by the German crown prince with instructions that it be read to the troops was found on the body of an officer killed in the Argonne. The proclamation announced the fall of Warsaw and gives the congratulatory message sent by the Kaiser and the King of Wurtemberg to the crown prince's forces upon their courage and endurance displayed in recent actions despite their heavy losses.

The Kaiser concludes his message by exhorting the troops to fight valiantly in order that the important objective might be obtained despite the formidable obstacles.

STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Lloyd's announcements the British steamer Glenravel, of 1,992 tons, and the Swedish steamer Malmind, of 2,779 tons, have been sunk. The crew have been landed.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT. By direction of George M. Myler, administrator of the estate of Emily J. Bickel, late of St. Joseph County, in the State of Indiana, deceased:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the heirs, legatees, and devisees of said decedent, and all other persons interested in said estate, that said administrator has filed in his final account and vouchers for the final settlement of said estate, and they are therefore hereby required to be and appear in said Court on the 14th day of September, 1916, when the same will be heard, and make proof of their heirship, or claim to any part of said estate and show cause, if any there be, why said account and vouchers should not be approved.

WITNESSES, the Clerk and the seal of the St. Joseph Circuit Court at South Bend, Indiana, the 31st day of July, 1916. GEORGE M. RAAR, Clerk.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, Executor of the Estate of John Kline, late of St. Joseph County, deceased.

Said Estate is supposed to be solvent.

Aug. 6th, 1915. JOHN ADAM KLINE, Executor. 815/22

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, Administrator of the Estate of Josiah Kollar, late of St. Joseph County, deceased.

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CHARLES KOLLAR, Administrator. July 31st, 1915. R. DUBAR, Atty. Estate of Emily J. Bickel.

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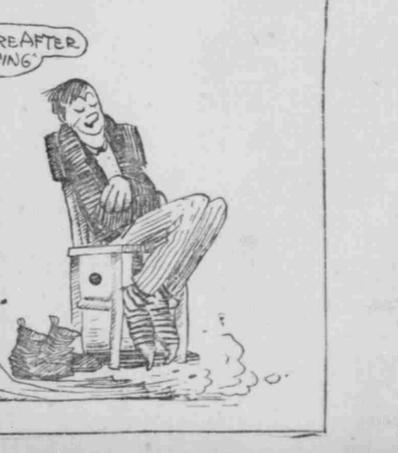
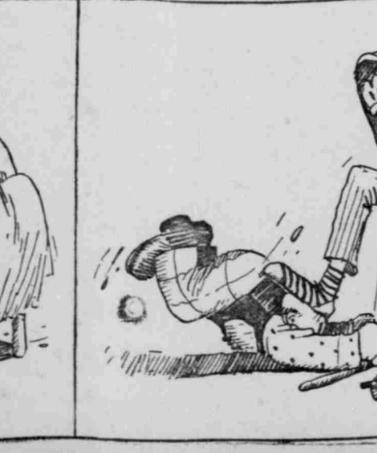
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